



STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

July 21, 2012

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th and Independence Avenues, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

On behalf of Illinois farmers, families and communities affected by the current drought, I respectfully request that all remaining eligible Illinois counties be included in a Secretarial Disaster Declaration.

As you know, agricultural producers in Illinois are experiencing significant losses due to a persistent, unprecedented, statewide heat and drought. The Illinois Department of Agriculture and representatives of the Farm Service Agency in Illinois are working to expedite assistance to Illinois farmers affected by these weather events.

We deeply appreciate your efforts already to streamline and accelerate relief to drought impacted communities across America. I appreciate your prompt review and support of our requests so far, and I look forward to continuing our work together to minimize the impacts of the current conditions faced by too many farm families in Illinois.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or to direct any other questions regarding my request to Bob Flider, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Mr. Flider can be reached at 217/782-5011. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor

**69 remaining
counties include:**

County
Adams County
Boone County
Brown County
Bureau County
Calhoun County
Carroll County
Cass County
Christian County
Clinton County
Coles County
Cook County
Cumberland County
DeKalb County
DeWitt County
Douglas County
DuPage County
Edgar County
Effingham County
Fayette County
Ford County
Fulton County
Grundy County
Hancock County
Henderson County
Henry County
Iroquois County
Jersey County
Jo Daviess County
Kane County

Kankakee County
Kendall County
Knox County
Lake County
LaSalle County
Lee County
Livingston County
Logan County
Macon County
Macoupin County
Madison County
Marion County
Marshall County
Mason County
McDonough County
McHenry County
McLean County
Menard County
Mercer County
Montgomery County
Moultrie County
Ogle County
Peoria County
Piatt County
Pike County
Putnam County
Rock Island County
Sangamon County
Schuyler County
Scott County
Shelby County

St. Clair County
Stark County
Tazewell County
Vermilion County
Warren County
Whiteside County
Will County
Winnebago County
Woodford County